

**Amendments To Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented) A method of maintaining a merchant system registry file on a merchant system, comprising:

associating a plurality of transaction account records with a plurality of recurring billing account records, wherein the plurality of transaction account records and the plurality of recurring billing account records are part of a billing database, and wherein individual of the recurring billing account records comprises a recurring billing amount;

receiving a Radio Frequency (RF) recurring billing request;

matching the RF recurring billing request with the corresponding transaction account record and the corresponding recurring billing account record;

when the RF recurring billing request is verified based on the billing database, adding the RF recurring billing request to the corresponding recurring billing amount;

repeatedly submitting the recurring billing amounts to a provider system for payment processing;

modifying the merchant system registry file by appending a merchant transaction code to at least one of the plurality of transaction account records; and

modifying the merchant system registry file in accordance with a summary report from the provider system.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the merchant transaction code comprises at least one of an add transaction code, a delete transaction code, and a change transaction code.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein individual of the transaction account records comprises a customer transaction account number, a customer merchant account number, and a customer transaction account expiration date.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the RF recurring billing request is verified based on the customer transaction account expiration date in the billing database on the merchant system.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising periodically transmitting the merchant system registry file at a frequency of at least one of once per day, once per week, and once per month.
30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising receiving the summary report from the provider system, wherein the summary report comprises a plurality of decision codes associated with the plurality of transaction account records transmitted in the merchant system registry file, and wherein the summary report further comprises a rejected records file.
31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the summary report further comprises a tally of rejected records.
32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising requesting provider preauthorization of the plurality of transaction account records.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the modifying of the merchant system registry file comprises manually modifying the merchant system registry file in accordance with the summary report.
- 34.-45. (Canceled).
46. (Previously Presented) A method for processing a recurring billing transaction at a merchant system, comprising:
- receiving an RF transmission comprising an account code;
  - receiving a recurring billing request;
  - retrieving a recurring billing record associated with the account code from a registry file;
  - updating the recurring billing record with the recurring billing request, wherein the recurring billing record is stored in the registry file and is associated with the account code;
  - repeatedly processing a recurring bill associated with the recurring billing record;
  - verifying the account code with a summary report from a provider;
  - receiving a maintenance file comprising at least one provider-changed account code and a provider transaction code associated with the at least one provider-changed account code; and

updating the registry file at the merchant system in accordance with the at least one provider-changed account code and the associated provider transaction code.